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In re Application of
REEVES, JODI L., et al.
Application No. 10/730,961
Filed: December 9, 2003
For: **TAPE MANUFACTURING SYSTEM**

This is a decision on the petition filed December 9, 2003 under Manual of Patent Examination Procedure (MPEP) §708.02, IX (Inventions relating to Superconductivity) requesting accelerated examination.

The petition and application meet the requirements for special status under the above section of the MPEP.

Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant. The application file is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action in due course.

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